A NUN AS DETECTIVE.

Miss M. J. Cusack Gains Access to a Convent.

A VERY SINGULAR STORY.

Is Sister Gonzalez Illegally Immured at Dixmont?

WHAT MISS CUSACK DISCOVERED

Late on Wednesday evening a letter was received from Miss M. J. Cusack, the Nun of Kenmare, asking THE DISPATCH to investigate the case of Sister Gonzalez, of the Ursuline Convent, who recently was placed in Dixmont as insane. Having no desire to be onesided or unfair, THE DISPATCH waited until yesterday, and sent a reporter to Dixmont to see what could be learned. In what follows is an interview with Dr. Hutchinson and the Num of Kenmare's letter, which runs thus:

A Case for Investigation in the Interest of To the Editor of The Dispatch:

I appeal to the public of Pittsburg, Protestan and Catholic, to call for an inquiry into the case of the Ursuline Sister who has been sent to Dixmont Lunatic Asylum. It may be asked why I, a stranger, should interfere in such a matter. I do so for the best of reasons—because I have known cases in which Sisters have been sent to lunatic asylums without even the knowledge of their Roman Catholic relatives, and treated most cruelly, the sole cause-of their imprisonment being that they protested against

ALLUSION TO THE BISHOP. In this case there is well-known to have been so much trouble between the Bishop and the Sisters that, in justice to all concerned, the

strictest inquiries should be made. Surely priests should not be allowed to be the judge prests should not be allowed to be the judge and jury in their own case. I know the horror and terror endured by one Sister, who, though perfectly same, was committed to an asylum. I know also how easily a person, and above all a Sister, can be represented as insane, and how political influence will be used to have this cruel punishment inflicted. M. J. CUSACK, (The Nun of Konmare.)

With the above letter in his possession, s DISPATCH reporter went to Dixmont, bent on a little private investigation of his own. Arriving at the asylum, Dr. Hutchinson was seen, and when the letter was shown, and the reporter had stated his errand, the medical gentleman said:

"Um I reporter, eh? Well, I don't see

anything to make a fuss about. Sister Gonzalez is here, of course, but she was com-mitted by due process of law. She is under no more restraint than any other patient in her condition, and is cheerful and contented. She realizes, in a measure, what is the matter with her, and is anxious to recover. She passes her time sewing, quilting and doing fancy work, and I expect her complete recovery in a few months. At present she is physically run down, so to speak, but her health is mending, and as her physical con-dition improves her mental condition will keep pace with it. She has no particular cination, and, while I do not wish mix religion in the thing, I think her insanity was caused by the troubles at the "How about seeing her?" ventured the

NOT SEEING ANYBODY.

"Well, her friends have been allowed to see her until lately, when she said that she wished to see no more visitors, as seeing them made her homesick. I then issued orders to that effect. There is really no busis for such a letter as Miss Cusack writes. If Sister Gonzalez were sane and confined here against her will, I individually would be liable to imprisonment; and I assure you that I am not courting any such Sister Gonzalez is a very quiet patient, and the Nun of Kenmare will do ters to the papers to be published, because the patient, who is allowed to read, will see them, and such things tend to excite her or any other person in her condition." Yesterday the Nun of Kenmare visited

the Ursuline Convent accompanied by a Pittsburg lady, a friend of Mother Alphonse, the deposed Superioress. Miss Cusack was introduced as an English lady, and she says she had no trouble in seeing Mother Alphonse and the Sisters who ad here to ber. Last night the Nun of Kenmare furnished the following interview of what she saw to a reporter of the Pittsburg News Agency, and it was furnished to all the morning papers. In the interview Miss Cusack says:

We were shown into the rooms occupied by Mother Alphonse and the other French ters. I did not make myself known to Mother Alphonse, but, as soon as she was informed that I spoke French and was in sympathy with her, the reserve that might have been expected in communication with a stranger disappeared.

THE NUN'S STORY.

"I was introduced to a sister who spoke no English at all, and she told me the whole story of the division in the convent and what has come of it. How the French Sisters, after building one of the most splendid con rents in the country, were deposed is well known to all Pittsburgers. But it is not known that these same Sisters, in this nineenth century and right in the midst of its proudest civilization, are undergoing hardships which are the re-finement of cruelty, and which can only have one end-insanity or the grave. They are debarred from communication with the balance of the household, are confined in a few rooms, improperly fed and clothed and are even denied the consolation of needlework, so dear to every French woman's heart. It is not fair, perhaps, to charge that this restriction of liberty and deprivation of comfort and necessities is due to an ulterior comfort and necessities is due to an ulterior purpose on the part of those in authority, but it looks very much that way.

"One of the chief objects of my visit to the convent was to ascertain the truth concern-

ing Sister Gonzalez, one of the adherents of Mother Alphonse, who was recently taken to Diamont. I learned that there is no doubt of her insanity, and that Diamont is probably the best place for her. Mother Alphonse distinctly declares that the restriction of her liberty is responsible for the insanity of Sister Gonzalez-in other words, that she was driven insane. How long it will be before her companions join her in Dixmont I would not like to conjecture. They cannot long endure their present contion and remain sane.
"The hardships of the French Ursuline

Sisters," continued Miss Cusack, "are aggravated by the fact that it was their money that built the splendid edifice that is now their prison, and that they are eager to return to France if they can get back what

SHE MET A SISTER.

"On the way out of the convent I met a sister of Mother Gertrude, the present Mother Superior (there are three of the Burus sisters in the convent, I believe). I was surprised to have her tell me that she disapproved of the treatment of the French Sixters; that for a long time she has not spoken to the members of the faction now in spoken to the memorate to the memorate to trol, and is also undergoing many hard-ships. I gathered from her talk that Mother Gertrude was not the willing oppressur of the French Sisters, but was mere-

Whatever may be the facts, I am going to the bottom of this case. What I shall do I am not now prepared to say. But I shall hot rest as long as there is a possibility of righting the wrongs of the unfortunate

A call was made at Bishop Phelan's residence last evening to get his side of the story, but the Bishop was out of the city.

UNEMPLOYED CRIMINALS.

The Barrel Factory Closed Out at the Workhouse-Pipe Lines Have Ruined the

The regular monthly meeting of the Allegheny County Workhouse Managers was held in the office of the institution at Claremont vesterday afternoon. The condition of affairs at the works was pretty thoroughly discussed, but very little business, outside of approving monthly bills and pay rolls, was

The managers are in a sort of quandary just now over the question of how to find employment for several hundred inmates. The barrel factory is practically idle. For merly 300 to 350 men were employed in the establishment, and 700 barrels were made daily. The business has dropped off until scarcely that many are turned out in a week. There has not been a barrel made this week. Superintendent Warner said vesterday:

"The change in the manner of transport ing oil to the East has been a hard blow for us. The Bear Creek refinery tormerly took all the barrels we could turn out. Now oil is transported in tanks and pipe lines, and we have scarcely anything to do. We can find some employment for our short term people, but we will still have nearly 200 ers who will be entirely idle.

"Is there anything contemplated as a sub-stitute for the barrel industry to furnish work for the men?" was asked.
"Nothing particularly. It is hard to tell
how long the present dull season will last.
We have been in the same condition before,

but it never lasted so long."

There are 646 prisoners in the workhouse now, and as the winter is here the number will soon be increased, so that unless some thing is done to provide a substitute for the barrel factory, hundreds of the inmates will put in idle months. Superintendent War-ner is very much pleased with the last meet-ing of the National Prison Association, re-cently held in Nashville, Tenn. "It was an interesting meeting," said he. "Prison government was fully discussed. There were no important changes in the rules for the government of prisons, and inothing at all was done that will affect any of the local institutions. This was the second meeting in the South, and it was held down there this year for the purpose of interesting the Southern managers in the matter of prison

"How do the Southern prisons compare with those of the North?" "They are not to be compared at all, although both meetings of the national as-sociation have had a good effect, and some good reports may be expected from the South in the future. Some have already been received. The death rate in the Alabams prison last year was reduced 11 2-5 per cent over the previous year, and that of the Tennessee institution was reduced 6 per cent. That is a considerable improvement, and yet when it is remembered that taking the 19 years that the Allegheny County Workhouse has been in existence, in which time over 48,000 prisoners have been admitted, the death rate has been less than one-tourth of 1 per cent, there is still some room for work among the Southern prisons."

reform.

"Will you account for this difference in "It is very plain." The difference in the condition of the institutions, how they are managed and cared for tells the story."

RANDALL CLUB ELECTION

Big and Harmonious Meeting of the Crack Democratic Club.

The election of officers for the ensuing year took place at the Randall club last night, when the following gentlemen were elected: President, Frank J. Weixel; Vice Presidents, John M. Crickart, Herman Handle, Joan W. Echoles: Recording Secretary, Edward Susman; Treasurer, H. C. Morris; Corresponding Secretary, John J. O'Leary; Trustees-John J. Fletcher, H. Mamaux, T. O'Leary, Jr., John O'Neil, Lew Cella, John J. Kane. Seventeen new members were elected.

A committee of three, consisting of John E. McCrickan, J. J. McCaffary, and J. J.

fill vacancies on the city committee, before the coming Mayoralty election. The fact of the clubs taking coincident action, may mean that a candidate for Mayor has been chosen, who will be acceptable to both that it .: possibl : Judge Bailev will be the

ominee of the Democratic party.

The following resolution was passed by the club on the death of O. H. Fergusson: WHEREAS. The members of the Randall Club have heard with pain and deep sorrow of the death of our honored member. O. H. Fergusson; therefore be it Resolved. That his noble qualities as a member and his rare worth as a man have endeared by the tell of the terminal of the tell of the terminal of the tell of

him to all of us in a remarkable degree. Resolved, That our profound sympathy be extended to his tamily in their great bereave Resolved, That the flag of the club be placed at half-mast until after the burial of the ceased, and the hall of the club draped mourning for the space of 30 days.

ALLEGRENY COMMITTERS.

The Very Important Business Tra by Them Last Night. The Gas Committee of Allecheny met las night and approved bills amounting to \$875 99.

The City Property Committee was re quested to put in a sewer on Braddock street, near the electric light plant.

It was reported to the committee that a solid foundation could not be secured for the electric light plant. The superintendent of gas, city engineer and the architect of the new building were appointed to look into the matter and act as they think best.

The Committee on Streets and Sewers also met last night. The ordinance for the repaying of Stockton avenue was amended to include the street from Federal street to Union avenue. It was also decided to amend the ordinance for the improvement of the streets about the new library build-ing, making the pavement on Ohio street

asphalt instead of block asphalt.

This committee will meet in special session Tuesday evening, December 17, to consider the plans for the improvement of the Butchers' run flood district. All interested citizens are requested to attend the meeting.

DEIFTING TO THE LEE.

The Mysteriously Assaulted Man Dying in

the Southside Hospital. It was reported last night that William Dean, the man in the Southside Hospital suffering with a fractured skull, might not live until morning. He is sinking rapidly, and cannot possibly recover.

The theory that he was assaulted is being revived again. Dr. Prossman said last night that he made a careful examination of Dean's injuries, and found that there were no evidences of rugged bruises or cuts such as a man would be likely to receive through a fall. The cut on the head is clean one, and is the only one about Dean's

The police have not been able to discover any clew by which they can substantiate the theory that Dean was assaulted, and are inclined to believe that the man fell from

the trestle while drunk.

Braddock Offices. Burgess Shallenberger, of Braddock, will be a candidate for re-election next spring, and will be opposed by George F. Sims and Alexander Campbell. For Borough Justice of the Peace, George H. Clementson and W. W. McCleary are candidates; and for Township Justice, Joe L. Campbell and

Two weeks ago the 3-year-old son of Mr. A call was made at Bishop Phelan's residence last evening to get its aide of the story, but the Bishop was out of the city. At the convent the buildings are closed after dark, and it was needless to try to see the Mother Superior.

I wo weeks ago the 3-year-old son of Mr. John Schwartz, of Coraopolis, Pa., had a present of a knile and began whittling toward him. Almost instantly it slipped and was driven deep into his right eye. All efforts to save the eye were unavailing, and yesterday Dr. Sadier removed the ball.

Popular Opinion Touching the Amoskeag's Latest Exhibition.

CHIEF EVANS IN ITS DEFENSE.

A Detective Smelling Out the Origin of the Simultaneous Flames.

LATER INCIDENTS OF THE EVENT

Exciting altercations took place amo citizens relative both to the power of some of the engines employed and as to the management of the fire. Mr. T. J. Blackmore. whose place of business is directly opposite the Monongahela House, states that the stream of one of the engines was unable to break the glass in the fourth story windows, and he seemed to think that as a fire extinguisher it was of mighty little use.

A friend of the Amoskeag engines sisted that they did good work, but that the engine in question was so far away from the building as to be powerless for good. He thought it might have been placed closer. An insurance man demanded to know why the standpipe at the southeast corner of the

A number of New York traveling men who watched the conflagration with the keen eyes of cosmopolitans, applauded the bravery of the firemen and their energy, but jeered at the engines in use. One remark made by a man who would never run to a fire by a man who would never run to a tree while walking was good, was overheard by a DISPATCH representative. He said: "Well, if those are the best engines Pittaburg has, it's a surprise the whole town does not burn." His opinion was taken up very generally and the crowd, which surged round the fire ropes, made all manner of remarks uncomplimentary to the Amoskeag engines. It was apparent that something was wrong, either with the engines or their

building was not utilized.

AMOSKEAG ADMIRERS PLENTY.

On the other hand Mr. H. M. Long said he was an old fireman and felt competent to judge, and he held that the department did the best that could be expected of it under the circumstances. Mr. Long did not ex-press any opinion as to the power of the

engines.
Inspectors McAlesse and McKelvey, both old firemen, who were on the spot from the time the fire started until it was extinguished, sald that they had seldo a fire better handled, the best proof of which was in the fact that the building was still

Chief Evans, of the Fire Bureau, was asked concerning the alleged incapacity of the No. 1 Amoskeag engines last night, and

said:

That is the simplest nonsense in the world. Neither of the No. I Amoskeag engines played an outside stream. No. 2 had three streams running, one into the cellar, where the fire originated, and two up the stairs to the roof, so that we could cut off any of the lines as we quenched the fire in one place or another, alternating the streams. The line up the ladder on Water street got away from the two men who had hold of it, as the stream was too strong, and we found it impossible to get near the building on account of the wires. We could cut the single wires, but the cables we could not got away with, and the same difficulty existed in other places.

As for the talk about being unable to throw a stream to the top of the building engines Nos 4 and 5 were the only ones that threw from the outside, both carrying two streams. I will venture to take any third-class, harp tank engine and throw a stream on top of the building notwithstanding the comments of the curbstone engineers who can always tell more than the firemen.

LOCATION OF WORK. Both Nos. 2 and 3, the first-class engines, were doing inside work underneath and on the roof, and were not doing the pinnacle act at all, the men handling them knowing well that the place Mamaux, T. O'Leary, Jr., John O'Neil,
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E. McCrickan, J. J. McCaffary, and J. J.
McCane was appointed to meet a similar
committee from the County Democracy to
fill vaccopies on the city committee before the county to the six regard to the stream at the board. It was thrown 30 feet into the air when struck by the stream and put out of harm's way. I don't want to be considered a betting man, but I think I can risk \$500 that this engine can outplay and squirt over any-thing in the country of a different make.

Engineer Daniel Eccles, of No. 2 Engine Company, said that he had 170 to 180 pounds water pressure on the engine during the fire, and 90 pounds of steam. The engine was fixed to blow off at 95 pounds, so that it could never have got above that pressure. "As for the capacity of the engine," remarked the veteran engineer, could play all over the town."

THE INSURANCE POLICIES SAFE.

The Owners Were Rather Anxious to Make Sure Thereof.

When appearances indicated that the whole building would be swept away, Mr. Anderson secured the policies of insurance and other important papers and placed them in the hands of E. D. Wingenroth. the real estate representative of the lessees of the building. The insurance policies were during the afternoon, examined in Mr. Wingenroth's office, by the owners, their attorneys and numerous representatives of the insurance agencies involved in

the loss. The policies remain in the possession of Mr. Wingenroth until further developments. By the terms of the lease Mesers. Anderson & Woog were to maintain the insurance upon the building. The owners were, there fore, somewhat anxious to see that the policies were all right and in negotiable, or,

rather collectable shape. It was stated from an inside source that there was \$150,000 insurance upon the buildng and \$45,000 upon the istribution between local and foreign companies is said to be quite impartial.

SPECULATIONS GIVEN FORM.

The Origin of the Fire Seems to Worry

Few Citizens. There are still grave doubts as to the origin of the fire and the choice of position, if choice there were, could not have been better calculated for a piece of successful incendiarism. It is stated by persons who were among the first on the ground that two fires had been started, one under the drugstore and the other 40 feet distant at the fo of the elevator, where a quantity of oil was stored, and old boards and boxes saturated with oil were scattered around.

The two places where the fire is said to have started were separated by a stone wall in the cellar, and the attention of the police was called to the subject last evening. An investigation will be made to-day.

NO SALE INTENDED.

The Story of the Transfer of the Monon

gahela Property Incorrect. It was published in one of the evening papers yesterday that the Monongabela House was about to be sold to W. H. Holmes & Son, the wholesale liquor dealers, for \$450,000. Mr. Charles J. Clarke, one of the owners of the property, said last evening that there was no truth in that story, that there was no intention of selling

the property to anybody.

A gentleman who was authorized to speak A gentleman who was authorized to speak for the firm, mentioned as a possible pur-chaser, said last night that the firm had offered to bux out either Mr. Anderson's or Mr. Woog's interest in the lease, and to as-sume all liabilities of the interest pur-chased.

DR. ORR ARRESTED

While Attempting to Enter the Barning Building He Was Taken Into Castody. During the heighth of the excitement at the fire Dr. J. P. Orr, of Second avenue, attempted to rush up the stairs of window in his house yesterday, sustaining a slight fracture of the skull. He is attended by Dr. Gaertner

ENGINES IN QUESTION everal times by Chief Brown's finest, and tried to force his way upstairs. After several efforts to stop him Inspector McAleese gave an order which resulted in the removal of Dr. Orr to Central station, where he was held on a charge of interfering with and obstructing the police.

Later he secured bail. He claims that it was entirely owing to malice that Inspector McAleese ordered him into custody, and he

HASTINGS SPEECHIFIES.

The Tariff Club Hear the Bellefontian's Eloquence-The Annual Election of

Officers Takes Pince. General D. H. Hastings was given a reeption last evening at the Young Men's Republican Tariff Club. It was the regular December meeting of the club, and about 175 members were present. Every chair in the assembly hall was occupied. Among those present were C. L. Magee and William

The special business of the meeting was the nomination of candidates for the club offices. The election is to be held on Thursday evening, January 2, and the nominations were made in open meeting. There was some expectation of a lively contest bewas some expectation of a lively contest between Coroner McDowell and Hon. A. C. Bobertson for the Presidency of the club, but it did not occur. President Thomas M. McFarland was renominated, without an opponent being mentioned. The following nominations were made, the contests being only for First Vice President and Treasurer. only for First Vice President and Treasurer.

President, Thomas M. McFarland; First Vice
President, Heber McDowell and H. P. Ford;
Second Vice President, Thomas W. Baker;
Corresponding Secretary, Thomas R. Perry;
Recording Secretary, H. Grant Miller; Finalcial Secretary, George N. Treusch; Treasurer,
John F. Geissenhainer and Thomas G. McClure;
Directors, William B. Kirker, William Flinn,
C. L. Magee, Morris W. Mead, William H. McCleary, John Doyle, Gamble Weir, E. N.
Randolph, W. C. McKinley, James Hiddle, M.
J. Price, Heber McDowell, A. C. Robertson, T.
G. McClure, D. K. McGunnegle, D. Sandusky,
H. P. Ford, John Gripp, John F. Geissenhainer, Robert Berry, John McCance, Fred W.
Edwards, George W. Miller, H. E. Stewart, W.
J. T. Saint, Philip S. Flinn and William Coates,
Ten directors are to be elected out of the list of

While the meeting was in progress it was announced that General D. H. Hastings had just arrived in the city and was at the Hotel Anderson. The president was authorized to appoint a committee to visit the hotel and ask the General to accept the cospitality of the club. The president appointed W. H. McCleary, A. C. Robertson and H. P. Ford. They went to the hotel, and at about 10 o'clock they appeared at the seen, he was saluted with ringing cheers.

President McFarland introduced the General to the club. He said that at the time the club quarters were dedicated, the mem-bers had desired to have General Hastings with them, but that gentleman was then un-able to be present. He had at last been captured, and he knew that the club would like to hear a speech from a man so eminent in the civil and military life of the

General Hastings spoke about ten minites and received frequent applause. He expressed his pleasure over the occasion. He emembered the Tariff club when he was here last September. He had then met many of its members and was glad to be unmany of its members and was glad to be under its roof. The Tariff club, he was sure, was doing good work. All the clubs of the State were doing well, and the recent strong growth of the club system was making itself felt in the Republican work. It time, But when she explained her caress showed excellent results in the last election. It was bound to reveal better results in the future, in preserving the Republican principles to the people of Pennsylvania. "The people of this Commonwealth," be said, "adhered to Republicanism because that meant the continuance of tariff protec tion. Pennsylvanians know practically what are the benefits of the protective system, and cannot be persuaded from their afection for it by the speciousness of theo-

On the motion of Coroner McDowell the hospitality of the club was unanimously tendered to General Hastings during his

stay in the city. General Hastings was given a hearty reception by the members. He shook hands with his boyhood days, when he attended the nearly every one of them, and remained at the club rooms, in social intercourse, until nearly midnight.

The General is enjoying the best of health, and is looking robust and good tempered. He has been over the State to some extent recently, and finds Republicans everywhere hopeful and in good shape politically. He will remain at the Hotel Anderson until noon to-day, when he will leave for his home in Bellefonte.

WILL KICK FOR BIG STUFF.

Lawrence Bank Depositors Will Present \$18,000 Worth of Checks To-Day. The depositors' committee of the Lawrence Bank are not going to be caught napping. Senator Upperman with the depositors' committee will present to-day three checks to Cashier Hoerr for payment. One will be for \$15,000 and another for \$3,000. The Senator said the bank officials might, if they were tricky, easily oust them from their position for 30 days, if after the lapse of 29 days they paid the three checks pre-sented on Wednesday, which only amounted

By demanding payment for amounts, the Senator thinks the bank can-not pay them, and in this way they will gain the end they have in view. All the checks which the bank refuse to honor, the Senator said, will be sent to the Auditor General as protested checks.

HITHER AND THITHER.

Movements of Pittsburgers and Others Wide Acquaintance.

-H. Myers, general superintendent the American Express Company at Cleveland, arrived in the city last evening. He will spend several days here inspecting the service, and will be the guest of local agent M. E. Vaillant. -Rev. Fathers Jerome Kearney, pastor of St. Bridget's Church, of this city, and James Nolan, of McKeesport, have gone to Florida to spend the winter. Both of them have been in ill health for months.

E. Carothers, of McKeesport, are candidates for the Legislature. Thomas Tilbrook is our for the office of burgess. -W. M. Clark, commercial agent of the

Missouri Pacific Railroad in this city, left last evening for New York on business of with the company. -Major James P. Speer, vice president

Freehold Bank, left last night for New York. LOCAL ITEMS, LIMITED. Incidents of a Day in Two Cities Condensed

for Rendy Rending. ACME Council No. 219, Jr. O. U. A. M.,

BUTCHER JOHN WISE, of Braddock, was railroaded by Agent O'Brien yesterday. Wise had been playing pig-sticking with a steel in-strument, inflicting very serious injuries. A telephone message brought Agent O'Brien to Braddock and Wise was arrested and com-mitted by 'Squire Holtzman for court.

oct with a pick and severely injured, while working on the Ft. Wayne road, was brought to the Allegheny General Hospital. His name the Allegheny General Hospital. His name could not be pronounced. HENRY FAHNESTOCK, a workman for Burns & Jahn, was kicked in the abdomen by a borse, and was taken to Mercy Rospital. He lives on Lincoln avenue. His recovery is doubtful. HARRY CANOVAN was arrested at his home

No. 2519 Sidney street, while flourishing a knife and making things lively for the family. He was locked up to cool off. CHAS. SIEFERT, of Bloomfield, fell from a

LAUGH AND GROW F

peal after peal of laughter at his unique appearance fairly shook the hall.

His closing piece was an original peem he said he had just hastily seratched off, and was shout the autumn leaves, and runs as follows: When the autumn leaves is falling, falling here and there, falling in the atmosphere and likewise in the air falling in the atmosphere and likewise in the air falling in the atmosphere and likewise in the air falling in the atmosphere and likewise in the air falling in the atmosphere and likewise in the air falling in the atmosphere and likewise in the air falling in the atmosphere and likewise in the air falling in the atmosphere and likewise in the air falling in the atmosphere and likewise in the air falling in the atmosphere and likewise in the air falling in the atmosphere are also atmosphere are atmosphere atmosphere are atmosphere a Nye and Riley, the Princes of Funphere and likewise in the air, falling in the afternoon and falling on the lawn, falling where the grass is green, and also where it's

cents a dozen.

At the conclusion of the original poe

BROOMS BEGIN TO BOOM.

Necessary to Advance Prices.

year. This, with the advance in

the price of wire, which went into

effect some time ago, has tended to advance

the price of brooms. The prices were ac-

there was a lack of confidence in each

other among the various manufacturers and.

to secure uniformity of action among them-

selves, a meeting was held in a downtown

which commences to come in about Septem-ber, is now all out of the hands of the

outside factories make about 50 dozen a day each. The smaller factories make about 100

to about 400 dozen or 4,800 brooms a day

Hampton College Students.

General C. S. Armstrong, Rev. H. B.

Frissell and the Hampton quartet will ar-

rive this morning, and appear to-night at

St. Andrew's P. E. Church in a programme of rare interest. Addresses will be made by various of the Indian and African students

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is assured you. Please tavor us with an order and tell your friends. Personal at-

A \$10 bill in our salesman's hand and get a

fine chinchilla overcost, worth from \$18 to

Cor. Grant and Diamond sts., opp. the new

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everybody is preparing for it. It is well to remember in this connection that no holiday

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makers, Appear Here.

GREAT DUAL ENTERTAINMENT Higher Prices for Raw Materiale Make is

If the old saw "laugh and grow fat" were literally true the corpulency of the hearers of the Nye-Riley lecture last evening would have been merrily augmented. The closing act of the screaming farce was when everybody had left the hall and the janitor swooped around and gathered up a quart of

Fun and merriment reigned in various stages the whole evening through, principally the superlative stage, however, and the faces of the audience in the different contortions that excessive mirth produced were a side-splitting study in themselves. The capacity of the hall and galleries was taxed to the utmost to accommodate the laughing, shaking mass of humanity.

Round after round of applause, and peal

after peal of laughter, greeted the humorists at every move, word and look. The fun commenced when Nye, in a dress suit, pair of glasses and bald head, informed the audience that he was fond of rural sports; that he especially enjoyed fox hunting, and he wanted a good red or grey fox that would come home nights. He said he owned one once, but it had a fashion of getting in the pound just when he wanted to hunt it, And it was dreadfully inconvenient to have to search all over town for the fox you were going to hunt after the party were

THE FOX THAT FUNKED. The fox he was the proud pos was a light red fox and it went lame in the off hind foot and crawled under the barn growers, and in the possession of the speculators and manufacturers. The advance in price will affect the larger and finer grades remained until after the hunt was over. In buying a new fox he wanted a light red, or iron gray variety, a young, flealess fox, a good roadster, and one that would come up and eat out of his hand and yearn to be

He was also desirous of purchasing a tall, club with General Hastings. As the tall, He was also desirous of purchasing a tall, straight figure of the Adjutant General was red horse with a sawed-off tall, a horse that could jump a barbed wire tence without mussing the fence up with the fragments of its rider. Anyone having either animal with the necessary acquirements, he informed the andience, would do well to communicate with him. He was to be found in the summer time on his estate spread out under a tree—engaged in thought.

In Riley's first appearance the audience was regaled with a dialect impersonat an of

an old bachelor who, in an inexpressibly funny manner, took his triends into his con-fidence one day and told them why he had never married. The story, in substance, was that loving a stepsister to distraction he was just on the by telling she was so happy because she was going to marry Mr. Brown, his feelings struck a partnership with the sunset and

went down. HE WENT AFTER THE WIDOW. The wedding occurred and the couple went to Illinois to live. In due time the husband died, and the old bachelor went out and brought the widow and children home, and gayly told his listeners he had just come

and gayly told his listeners he had just come into town for to get a marriage license for to marry Mary Brown.

Mr. Nye reappeared and said while Riley was recovering his breath he would tell them a story; it would be a true story, for he liked After the formal meeting was adjourned to deviate from the usual programme occahis boyhood days, when he attended the vil-lage school. One rule of the school was that if any article of the schoolhouse furniture was mutilated a fine of \$5 would be imposed on the offender. One day while thinking-of the tariff, he said, he whittled the desk. He was given his choice between paying a fine or taking a whipping. He said he didn't have the cash with him, but when he went home that night he told his father about it, and put the case to him very strongly, and asked him for the loan of the

ecessary money. AN IMPLACABLE PARENT.

His father, he said, was not inclined to become a broker, and said he could stand a become a broker, and said he could stand a great deal of corporal punishment taken in the proposed way. The father was finally persuaded, after exacting a promise that it would be the last offense, to furnish the \$5.

On the way to school the next morning Nye said he thought over the matter carefully and prayerfully and concluded that \$5.00 was too large a sum of money to fritter away on a school district that had never done anything special for him, and so when he got there he took the whipping—and retained the \$5.00. It was, he said, the first money he ever honestly earned and with i e went to the circus with a portion-and

ought arnica with the remainder. Riley then, to the great satisfaction of his hearers, became the old man thinking of his boyhood days, when he and his little brother were accustomed to visit old Aunt Mary and be regaled with jam and jelly and all sorts of pickles that called forth a wonder-ful smacking of lips just from memory. He also portrayed the German-American dislect in "Dot Little Poy of Mine" in such a way that when the death of dot little poy occurred the grief endured called forth many

a tear from his hearers. LARGE, EXPENSIVE WORDS. Mr. Nye then became a schoolboy and own articles written with the large, ex-pensive words that were in vogue when Mr. McGuffery was fond of standing around and

reporting conversations.

The boy from Zewe was then characterized by Riley and a whole host of street urchins who were interested in the boy from Zew in all of his exploits, from blacking one of their comrades eyes to breaking his own -H. H. Swaney, T. C. Jones and Samuel

arms at every opportunity.

Nye then said by the request of many citizens of Pittsburg that were not there he would describe a dog he was once associated with. When he first went West, he said, he didn't own a dog because he didn't think himself poor enough, but after becoming ac-quainted with the various mines in the West he thought he possessed the necessary pov-

erty for one dog at least.

It was a tramp dog, brindle colored where it had any hair left and seal brown where it was worn off. His tail had been intimately acquainted with a pail of boiling water, and as a consequence looked like a new sausage, was a bald-headed tail.

IT WAS AN INSECT DOG.

He named it Entomologist because he learned that entomologists made large collections of strange and pecutiar insects. It appetite was immense, it would spend the daytime away from home eating all kinds of indigestible food and return to the cabin at night and vocally regret it. He always returned to do his regretting. One day visiting the town he came across a lot of soft plaster of paris and enjoyed eating it. Nye said he could see right away the dog was sorry he had done it, but doctors could not help him, he curled himself up in a small globular wad and died. On his table now Nye has a paper weight which he says is a plaster of paris east of Entomologist—in-

phister of paris east of Entonologist—in-terior view—made by himself.

By request of the audience Mr. Biley re-cited "The Educator," previously given in Pittaburg, and Nye appeared to close the programme with white cotton gloves on that exaggerated the size of his hands to a wonderiul degree, and an essay tied with blue ribbon in imitation of the college graduate. It was some time before quiet reigned suffi-ciently for him to even speak a word, for

BEER FIRMS TO BOOM

Two More Brewing Companies Contemplate Eulargements.

EBERHARDT & OBER TO DOUBLE UP.

Willow Station Concern Also Has

THERE SEEMS TO BE BOODLE IN BEER

View Big Additions.

Broom corn, one of the most important Though Judge White slaughtered so products of several Western States, has been many saloons in Allegheny county, the steadily advancing in price for the last few brewing business goes on space. The months, and is now from \$25 to \$30 per ton various brewers around Pittsburg are higher than it was this time last

alarmed, not on account of probibitio

measures, but because they have not enough facilities to brew the beer. Notice has heretofore appeared in THE DISPATCH that two breweries, namely cordingly advanced about October 31, but Wainwright's and Frauenheim & Vilsack's, are making extensive improvements on their properties, which will largely increase their capacity for supplying thirsty Pittaburgers with the popular beverage. Two other brewers, on the Allegheny side, are going to follow the example of the Pittaburg brewers, and enlarge their respective business. office a few days ago. After fixing the sizes and weights of brooms, the question of the advance was considered, and after some

ness premises. Eberhardt & Ober, on Troy Hill, Alle discussion, those present signed a paper binding themselves to put up prices 25 gheny, have under consideration a plan for doubling their present capacity. They turn out now 40,000 barrels of beer annually, Some half dozen firms were represented at the meeting, but one of the largest in this but with their annex they will have an out branch of business in the city had no repreput of 80,000 barrels sentative present, and it was at first thought HAVE BOUGHT MORE LAND.

that the firm would not sign. It has since They have acquired a considerable tract of land facing Troy Hill, and upon this been learned, however, that the signature will likely be obtained.

A prominent manufacturer was seen by a DISPATCH reporter last night, and in response to inquiries, the gentleman said:

"I regard the advance as a perfectly ground they propose to build an immense annex to their present large structure. The building is to be of brick and stone. An office will be built in connection with the new addition. A complete brewing apparatus will be fixed in the new place. It healthy one, consequent on the advance in the prices of raw materials. There will be will be run quite independently of the present brewery. The annex will be fitted on flurry in broom corn because buyers are disposed to be conservative, as the last time corn was boomed, things turned out disastrously for all concerned. The corn,

out with new engines, ice-making machines, storage rooms and drying rooms.

The boom in the brewing trade will give additional work to over 500 men, beside giving the various contractors and their men plenty of work to tide them over until ANOTHER PIRM FOLLOWS SUIT.

of brooms more especially, as good, long corn is scarce."

Superintendent Warner, of the workhouse, claims to have enough corn on hand to last him for a year and a half. He also Eng & Schafer, of Willow station, are also going to improve and enlarge their brewery. They have only a small place, but their business has become so large in these days of limited license that they find it says that the advance is due to the increase in price of raw material.

There are eight or ten broom factories in Pittaburg and Allegheny and altogether they make a large number of the very useful household article. The two prisons necessary to have better facilities for transacting their business than heretofore. They intend to build an entirely new brewery, and dispense with their present incommodious building. It will be replete with all the requisites for brewing beer with an the requisites for brewing beer with great ra-pidity. They will connect a malting house and large storage cellars with the brewery, so that they can always keep on hand a penitentiary and workhouse—make about 100 dozen a day each, and the two largest dozen a day, and the total output foots up large stock

A PATROLMAN'S DEATH.

Officer Louis Zoog, of the Southside, Succombs to the Grim Resper. Officer Louis Zoog, who has been a member of the police force in the Third district. under Mayors Liddell and Lyon, and then since the present administration gained control of city affairs, died at his home, 3028

o'clock. Mr. Zoog had been siling for several mouths, but remained on duty until within about four weeks ago, when he was compelled to take to his bed. One of the most gorgeous improvements is the new Cabinet Opera. It has been specially designed by a celebrated New York artist for the holiday season, and it is beautiful beyond description. The elegant case alone is worth the money asked, while its The deceased was an efficient officer, and was very popular with the people on his beat, which was located at the Pittsburg and Lake Erie Depot, He leaves a wife and three children. The Southside police will attend the funeral, which takes place to-morrow, in a body.

music captivates every ear. Truly, a Christmas present such as this beautiful Cabinet Opera would set the entire family circle wild with delight. Call at H. Kleber & Bro.'s, 506 Woodst, and see it.

Charged With Perjury. Michael Smultvitz was arrested in Mc-Keesport on Wednesday night by Constable Murphy, of Alderman Gripp's office, on a charge of perjury, made at Greensburg, by M. Gross. The charge was made against the accused some time ago and is claim be the result of a transaction by which he profited to the extent of about \$400 through representations under oath that Gross claims are illegal. Smultvitz was brought to the city yesterday morning and taken to Greens-burg in the evening by Constable Murphy.

Oleomargarine Sellers. George Hoeffner, charged before Alderman Succop with selling oleomargarine, was held in \$500 bail for court last night. Alderman Succop stated that there were several other dealers violating the oleomar-garine law on that side of the river, but it is hard to get sufficient evidence to convict

W. B. Dravo and Miss Jennie Hutchin son, of McKeesport, were married last evening by Rev. James Nolan, of St. Peter's Church.

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nt Clergymen Who Were in the

Greensburg Wreck. Rev. Father O. P. Gallagher, rector of St. John's Church, on South Fourteenth street, and Rev. Father Windoline, of St. Michael's Church, on Pius street, arrived home yesterday from Greensburg. They were both in the wreck of the day express

on Wednesday, but were fortunate enough to escape injury.

In speaking of the controversy now being carried on between Father Sheedy and Rev. McCrory, Father Gallagher stated last night that the two gentlemen ought to shake hands and then pay attention to their respective register.

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Many minds are turned toward Christmas fandy work. Beautiful Silks beautiful sehbons and the hundred and one articles in the Art Department are turning into money every McClurg street, Southside, last evening at 5 moment of the day. What you pay isn't all for us. A little to us and a little to everybody who has to do with it. Can you imagine that these dainty bits have provided for a Christmas treat for a good many people before they reach your hands? Their mission, perhaps, began years ago. Don't let it stop. There are ways, with your help, for them to brighten homes and hearts for a long time to come.

> Have you seen our beautiful Handkerchief window on Penn avenue? You get from it a chiefs. Merely an idea, though, if you have a

> good imagination. Thousands of dozens is the way we have to speak of them. And they will all be sold before Christmas. When? The bulk in the last two weeks. We want more people to begin right away. As much for yourself as for us. Just look at the crowds at the counter any day now. Then multiply indefinitely to get the Christmas scramble. Come to-day.

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